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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q62106

Shotaro YAMAGUCHI

Appln. No. 09/727,769

Group Art Unit: 1652

Confirmation No.: 5479

Examiner: Manjunath N. Rao

Filed: December 4, 2000

For: NOVEL PROTEIN-DEAMIDATING ENZYME, MICROORGANISM PRODUCING
THE SAME, GENE ENCODING THE SAME, PRODUCTION PROCESS THEREFOR,
AND USE THEREOF

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement, dated May 31, 2002, applicant elects Group III, claims 21, 24-25 for examination. This election is made without traverse.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 1-20 and 22-23.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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